

MINUTES

—OF THE—

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

MIAMI ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE TAPSCOTT'S CHURCH, WARREN COUNTY, OHIO,
On the 8th, 9th, and 10th, of September, 1865.

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1st. Introductory Sermon by Elder WILSON T. PENCE, from the 107th, Psalm, and first five verses.

2nd. The letters from the several Churches called for, read and their Mesenger's names enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES, MINISTERS, AND TIME OF MEETING.	MESSENGERS, NAMES,	Rec. by Baptism	Contributions ..
Elk Creek, 4th, S. C. SMITH,.....	Silas Long, J. Kelly, James Law, and M. Post,.....	1	33 3 00
Bethel 3d,.....	Eld. Joseph Parker, A. Lambert, Thomas Reed, and J. H. Rice,.....	1	27 2 00
Todd's Fork, 1st. JOSEPH PARKER,....	Wm. Stephens, and	1	8 1 50
Tapscott's M. H. 3d, SAMUEL WILLIAMS,..	Isaac Moses, Wm. Barkalow, Joseph Ely, and H. Marshall,.....	1	48 3 00
Mt. Pleasant, 1st, EDMOND STEPHENS.	S. Lucas, T. Wilson, S. Henkle, and J. S. Graves,.....	2	27 1 20
Sugar Creek, 4th, WILLIAM BUTLER....	M. Allen, B. F. Allen, Eld. Wm. Dodd and H. Morgan,.....	1	48 3 00
Winchester, 2d, WILLIAM DODD.....	Silas Davis and Wm. Suthard,.....	3	1 48 3 00
West Lebanon, 2d, SAMUEL WILLIAMS,..	Elds. S. Williams, and T. Hutcheson, J. S. Sellers and Jos. Corwine,.....	2	2 15 1 00
Middle Run, 2d, E. M. REEVES, and S. WILLIAMS.....	Allen Haines, J. D. Austin, M. C. Benham, and G. Buckles,.....	2	48 4 50
Nettle Creek, 1st S. WILLIAMS, and W. T. PENCE.....	J. C. Phillips, David Pence, G. H. Ward and A. Varner,.....	1	39 3 50
Clear Creek, 3d, S. C. SMITH, and Wm. DODD.....	S. C. Smith, J. Wheaton, and Thomas Tibballs,.....	1	21 3 00
Mt. Bethel.....	No Report.	7	11 438 32 30
	Total.....	33 2 2	

3d. Adjourned to meet at half after one o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1st. Called to order by Elder S. C. Smith, and the rules of decorum read, and messengers names called.

2d. Proceeded to elect by ballot Moderator and Clerk; which resulted in the election of Elder Samuel Williams for Moderator, and G. H. Ward for Clerk.

3d. After praise and prayer by Elder Joseph H. Flint, proceeded to business.

4th. Ministering Brethren invited to a seat in council with us.

5th. Elder John J. Vanhorn, from the Muskingum and Elder L. B. Sherwood from Owl-creek were appointed to fill the stand this afternoon.

6th. Correspondence from sister Associations called for:

SCIOTO—Minutes and Messenger, Elder Daniel Scofield.

MUSKINGUM—Minister and Messenger, Elder J. J. Vanhorn.

OWL CREEK—Minister and Messenger, Elder L. B. Sherwood.

WHITEWATER—Minister and Messenger, Elder A. L. Thurston, and Wm. Sparks, and Brothers L. Ellis and B. Thomas.

7th. Elder S. C. Smith, was appointed to write the letter to our Correspondence and present it to-morrow for inspection.

8th. Circular letter written by Elder S. C. Smith, called for, read, and on motion was laid over until to-morrow for further consideration.

9th. On motion the Moderator was appointed to choose Ministers to fill the stand to-morrow, the following were appointed; Elders Danel Scofield, A. L. Thurston, Lot Suthard and E. Stephens.

10th. The following Brothers were appointed a Committee to arrange the business for to-morrow: Wm. Suthard, David Pence, and Joseph Corwine.

11th. Committee on Contributions—Silas Long, Isaac Moses, and Wm. Barkalow.

12th. On motion the Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

13th. On motion the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

14th. Praise and prayer by Elder S. C. Smith.

SATURDAY, September 9th, 1865.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after praise and prayer by Elder Wm. Sparks, proceeded to business.

1st. Messengers names called.
 2d. Bill of arrangements called for, read, and on motion was adopted, as the order of business for to-day.
 3d. Circular letter taken up, read, and on motion was laid on the table.
 4th. Corresponding letters called for, read, and on motion was adopted.
 5th. Appointed Corresponding Messengers as follows:
 To SCIOTA—Elder Samuel Williams.
 To MUSKINGUM—Elder Samuel Williams.
 To OWL CREEK—Elders W. T. Pence, and S. C. Smith.
 To WHITEWATER—S. Williams and W. T. Pence.
 6th. Elder S. Williams was appointed to write the Circular letter for next year.

7th. Elder S. C. Smith was appointed to preach the introductory sermon next year, and Elder Joseph Parker in case of failure.

8th. The following were appointed to preach to-morrow: Elders Joseph H. Flint, B. Lampton, Wm. Sparks and L. B. Sherwood.

9th. It was moved and seconded that the articles of faith be substituted in the place of a circular letter, motion carried.

10th. The next Association to be held with the Nettle Creek Church, near Westville, Champaign Co., Ohio, to commence on Friday before the Second Sunday in September, 1866, at 10 o'clock A. M.

11th. Adjourned to the time and place aforesaid.

ELDER SAMUEL WILLIAMS, *Moderator.*

G. H. WARD, *Clerk.*

MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

WILLIAM SPARKS,	Connersville, Ind.
A. L. THURSTON,	Springfield, Ind.
BENJAMIN LAMPTON,	Walton, Ky.
EDMUND STEPHENS,	Florence, Ky.
SAMUEL WILLIAMS,	Lebanon, O.
WILSON T. PENCE,	Westville, O.
WILLIAM DODD,	Centerville, O.
S. C. SMITH,	Waynesville, O.
JOSEPH PARKER,	Ft. Ancient, O.
DANIEL SCOFIELD,	Newark, O.
JOHN J. VANHORN,	Gratiot, O.
LOT SUTHARD,	Hamilton, O.
H. H. RUSH,	Greenville, O.
ELIAS M. REEVES,	Bowersville, O.
L. B. SHERWOOD,	Ashley, O.
JOSEPH H. FLINT,	Iowaville, Iowa.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Miami Regular Baptist Association, to the Several Associations with whom she corresponds, sends greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN: Through the kindness, and goodness of our Heavenly Master, we have again been permitted to meet as an Association, to hear from the several Churches composing our body. We are led to mourn over the low and compressed state of Zion; yet we feel to rejoice that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, and that He will in His own good time, and in accordance with His pleasure, fulfill His promises to His people; for he hath assured us that He is not slack concerning His promises, as we are led sometimes to conclude. We feel to rejoice that the coming of your Messengers has cheered us somewhat; coming to us as we hope in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

We therefore request a continuance of your Correspondence, and pray God that he may bless both you, and us, with the outpouring of His spirit, that we may rejoice as in days of old. Our present Session has not been as pleasant as we could have wished; but we feel to trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon our God; who brings order out of confusion, light out of darkness, and has promised to be with His people in all their troubles, be they what they may. He hath said my grace is sufficient for thee.

For the condition of our Churches we refer you to our minutes.

Brethren, Farewell, may grace, mercy, and truth be with you all. Amen.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE MIAMI REGULAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1st. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, are the Word of God, and only rule of faith, and practice.

2d. We believe there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy-Ghost, and these three are one.

3d. We believe that God created our first parents upright, yet he did not long abide in that honour; but did willfully transgress the law of creation, in eating the forbidden fruit; and by his sinful rebellion, he fell from his original righteousness, and communion with God, and all we, in him became dead in sin; and wholly defiled in all our faculties both mental and bodily; our first parents being the root; by God's appointment standing in the place of all mankind, his corrupt nature was conveyed to all his

posterity. So that we are all by nature, Children of wrath, Servants of sin, subjects of death and misery, temporal and eternal.— By this original corruption we are wholly indisposed to good, and prone to evil.

4th. We believe that before the foundation of the world, God did elect a certain number of the human race, to everlasting life, and Salvation; and in pursuance of this gracious design, did make a covenant of Grace, and peace, with his Son Jesus Christ, on behalf of those who were committed to his care, with all Spiritual blessings.

5th. We believe that Jesus Christ being from everlasting the Mediator of the New Covenant, did engage to be the surety of His people; and in the fullness of time, really assumed human nature, in which nature He really suffered and died as their substitute, in their room and stead; whereby He made all that satisfaction for their sins, which the Law and Justice of God required, as well as procured all those blessings which are needful, both for time and eternity.

6th. We believe that the eternal redemption Christ obtained by the shedding of His blood, is special and particular; that is to say, it was only intended for the Elect of God, or the Sheep of Christ, as they only enjoy the Special, and peculiar blessing of it.

7th. We believe that the Justification of God's Elect, is only by the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, without the consideration of any works done by them; and that the full, and free pardon of all their sins, past, present, and to come, is only through the blood of Christ, according to the riches of his grace.

8th. We believe that faith, conversion, regeneration, and sanctification, are not acts of man's free will, and power; but of the efficacious grace of God.

9th. We believe that all those who are chosen by the Father, redeemed by the Son, and sanctified by the Holy-Ghost, shall certainly, and finally persevere to the end; so that none of them shall perish, but have eternal life.

10th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances of Christ, to be continued until his second coming; and the former is requisite to the latter, viz. that those only are to be admitted into the Communion of the Church, who upon profession of faith, has been Baptised by immersion in the name of the Father, Son and Holy-Ghost.

11th. We believe the Lord's day is to be set apart for Holy purposes; that it is our duty to assemble together on that day, for the public worship of God; by prayer, giving of thanks, preaching, hearing the word of God, and singing Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs.

12th. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead; both of Just and unjust, and that Christ will come a second time to Judge both quick and dead; to receive the Righteous to everlasting happiness, and sentence the wicked to punishment of the same duration.